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## March 2014





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## **Commander's Column**

I am happy to report to our membership the substance of a report submitted by our finance officer in recent weeks. We closed the books for legion year 2013 ahead of budget. It would not be prudent for me to publish the actual figures (they are available to the membership and announced to those in attendance at regular business meetings), however I can say we were able to meet all of our obligations as a 501(c) organization in terms of charitable donations and work and we surpassed our projected small budget surplus by a factor of more than two times. We transferred the small surplus to our reserve account. The success is due to the good work of our charitable gaming volunteers, prudent decision making by post leadership, and the watchful eye of our accountant and finance officer. To remain viable it is imperative to maintain focus on our finances and finish each year on budget or slightly ahead.

Our new members initiation dinner is March 22. The dinner is open to all members at a very modest cost and the better the turn out the more likely we are to make a good first impression on the new guys and motivate them to be active and participating Legionnaires and Auxiliary. Also, the corned beef and cabbage is excellent. I hope to see many Post 80 and Unit 80 members on the 22nd.

We are publishing the slate of officers in this newsletter over the next few months leading up to the election of officers in June. Our nominating committee has done an excellent job again this year recruiting highly qualified members to serve as officers. Post 80 is grateful to the men who have stepped up, moved out of their comfort zone, and will lead our organization into the future.

Finally we have a primary election this month. The American Legion does not endorse political candidates and I certainly intend to make no endorsement in this column. Exercising your right to

**....continued on p. 2**



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Commander's Column....cont. from pg 1....

vote is an important obligation of citizenship. When you do vote you may recognize the name of a Post 80 member and personal friend of mine, Doug Truax, who is running for national office.

Spring is nearly here! Stay positive.

Todd Hanson  
Commander

Articles and photos for the newsletter must be submitted *no later* than the **third Monday of the month**. Please contact Newsletter Editor: Joe Pappalardo at 630-964-0011 or email: joe63arc@comcast.net if you wish to submit something.



## **Are you moving?**

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**Attn: Adjutant**

**4000 Saratoga Ave.**

**Downers Grove, IL 60515**



## Auxiliary News – Feb. 2014

### Auxiliary News — March 2014

#### 11<sup>th</sup> District Spring Meeting & Gold Star Luncheon — March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unit 80 will be hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> District Spring Meeting and Gold Star Luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Unit members are asked to donate baked items for the desserts for the luncheon. Baked goods need

to be at the Post by 11 am. Please let Karen Greenwald know if you will be able to help with the desserts – 630-960 5898.

#### Americanism Essay Contest Winners

Unit 80 will be hosting the winners of our 2014 Americanism Essay Contest at our regular March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The winners and their parents as well as the contest judges are invited to the awards ceremony. Unit members are asked to help provide appetizers and desserts for this meeting.

#### Health Fair at Gloria Dei on March 1st

Unit 80 members are invited to a the Health Fair on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Grant, Downers Grove (across street from Downers Grove North). There will be 30 health topics exhibits, breakout sessions with featured presenters, as well as healthy cooking demonstrations.

#### Get Well Wishes to Unit 80 Members

We have word that the following Unit 80 members are also fighting with health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery: Gloria Parker, Evelyn Fredericks, Charlotte Ulmanis and Dolores Kondraschow.

#### Service Hours — Reminder

If you haven't already started, Unit 80 members need to begin filling out your volunteer forms for Community Service work or for the Veterans service you may have done. Completed volunteer work sheets can be turned in to Jean Krupin.



Auxiliary News....cont. from pg 3....

### 2013-2014 American Legion Auxiliary Dues

Our thanks to all of the Unit 80 members who have paid their 2013-2014 membership dues. Unit 80 has 81% membership renewal. **Senior dues are \$18.00 and Junior dues are \$4.00.** Membership dues should be mailed to Norma Border, Membership Chair at 4724 Florence Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

### Upcoming Auxiliary Meetings and Events:

March 2	11 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Meeting — Post 80
March 3	Regular Unit Meeting — 7 pm at Post 80
March 23	MidWinter — Poppy Meeting — Post 911, Wauconda, IL

Respectfully submitted  
Kim Cruz, President

## *March 22nd*

### *Initiation / Recognition of New Members*

**Initiation / Recognition** will be held on March 22nd. Come and meet our new members, as well as other Legionnaires. Cocktails will be served at 5:00 p.m. (cash bar), with dinner at 6:00 p.m., and the Initiation Program at 7:30 p.m. or sooner. If you are a new member, have transferred from another Post, or have never taken the American Legion oath, you should be in attendance. We have a very impressive program for our new members and their spouses. There will be a \$5.00 donation per person to offset the cost of dinner. There will be no charge for new initiates and their spouses. **SEE YOU AT THE POST ON MARCH 22nd.**



## NOMINATIONS FOR 2014/2015

The Nominating Committee has developed the following slate of candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, which will be placed on file with the Post Adjutant:

Commander	John Cruz
Sr. Vice Commander	Bob Grember
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Finance Officer	Bernie Dudek
Sgt. At Arms	Howard Parker
Historian	Bob Parrott
Chaplain	Jack Border
Judge Advocate	Dave Wisbrock
Adjutant	Bill Downing
	(To be appointed by the Commander)
Service Officer	Rich Jones
	(To be appointed by the Commander)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	John Pavich (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	Carmen Gnolfo (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 1 yrs.	Joe Pappalardo (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 1 yrs.	Ed Ludwig (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Emery Wolff
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Dick Rooney

In accordance with Post 80's Constitution and By-Laws (approved May, 2010) the above positions will constitute Post 80's Board of Directors.

Nominations may be made from the floor of the April Business Meeting. Nominees must submit written acceptance and proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant five (5) days prior to the May Business Meeting.

## ----- MARCH IS A BUSY MONTH! -----



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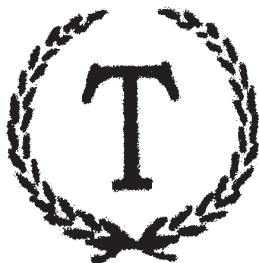
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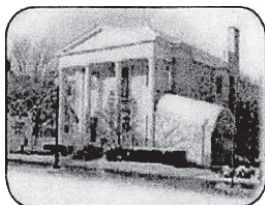
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Then go to Start your Military Service Record (DD Form 214) Request and follow the prompts and fill in the required information. It also has you print a signature sheet that you have to mail to them. When they receive the signature paper, they will send you an email confirming that they received it. Then in about 10 days, you'll receive 2 certified copies of your DD 214 and copies of your discharge orders.

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***YOUR 2014***

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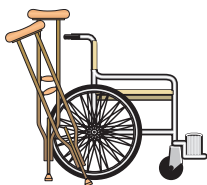
**Let's keep Post 80 #1  
with continued strong membership.**

**Any questions, call 630-968-9710.**

**Bill Downing, Adjutant**



## **WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS & CRUTCHES**



Post 80 lends out wheel chairs, walkers and crutches to anyone that may need them. For more information, call Rich Jones at 630-964-2434.

Anyone who has borrowed a wheelchair, walker, or crutches and no longer needs them, please return them to Post 80 so they may be available for other veterans.





## Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2014

This is the 39th year of our memorial college scholarship program. Eligible participants are children and grandchildren of Post members who will be entering or continuing their college education, Fall 2014. Applicants must be less than 23 years of age. For applications, see our Post 80 Bulletin Board or contact Bill Downing, Post Adjutant at 630-968-9710.

Scholarship forms must be received by April 1, 2014 to be eligible.

Mail Scholarship Entry Forms to:  
Bill Downing, Post Adjutant  
c/o American Legion Post 80,  
4000 Saratoga Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515.

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## New Bronze Plaque for 2014

We are in the process of collecting names for the new Bronze Memorial Plaque that will be placed on the Obelisk in front of the Post in 2014. The plaque is for all Veterans that have served our country. The price is the same as in the past, \$35.00 per name. A certificate and a picture of the plaque will be sent to the person ordering the placement of the name. If you know a Veteran, (Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, just a friend or yourself) whose name you would like to see put on the plaque, pick up an application form which is located on the table in the hallway at the Post or call Rich Jones at (630) 964-2434 for more information.



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# American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders — Chapter 80 — March 2014 Update

## Mark your calendars! Annual Legion Rider Spaghetti Dinner — April 19<sup>th</sup> -

Join us for the 5th Annual Legion Riders-Chapter 80 Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 pm. Join us for good food and a good time. We will also be inviting as our honored guests our fellow veterans from Hines VA Hospital.

The proceeds from this event will help support the veterans assistance programs of the American Legion. In particular, Chapter 80 has donated funds and volunteer assistance to the Hines VA Sports Committee in support of the national Wheelchair Olympics program as well as the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton, IL.

### Upcoming Rides and Events

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 3/8     | Legion Rider – Mar Regular meeting – 10 am at Post 80                    |
| 3/15    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual St. Pat's party – Post 1205, Wooddale, IL 6:30 pm |
| 4/12    | Legion Rider – April Regular meeting – 10 am at Post 80                  |
| 4/19    | Annual Legion Rider Spaghetti Dinner – mark your calendars               |
| 5/3     | DuPage Veterans Foundation Honor Flight Fundraiser @ DuPage Airport      |
| 7/14-19 | Tennessee Dragon Tail Run – Gatlinburg TN                                |
| 8/17-21 | Legacy Scholarship Run – Indianapolis to Charlottesville NC              |

## COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN, SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THE RIDES!!

Legion Riders – Chapter 80 usually meets monthly on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the Post 80 Library. **The next Legion Rider meeting will be on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10 am**

Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are \$20.00.

Please check with Director, John Pavich, (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

**Check the Post 80 Newsletter and website for updates to the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.**

John Pavich  
Director ALR



# SAVE THE DATE



**AMERICAN  
LEGION RIDERS  
POST 80**

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Saturday, April 19, 2014**

**Time: 3:00 ~ 7:00**

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+> *To undergo less hardships than he did in his youth.*

+> *To have a chance in life.*

+> *To be a congenial life mate & have 1 happy home.*

+> *To have been successful on his job.*

And Remember:

~*Count not the age by the years you live,  
but by the happiness you give.*

~*The friends you make, and the good you do,  
and the confidence that's placed in you.*

~*The little things that, day by day,  
bring cheers to others on life's way.*

~*And count this year one more mile,  
upon the road of things worthwhile.*

Youth looks ahead  
Old age looks back  
Middle age looks tired.....RWB



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3/11 Kitchen: Karen G., Donna R.,  
& Norma B.  
Tickets: Radika J., Pam Q.

3/18 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Jean K.  
Tickets: Eleanor R., Leora N.

3/25 Kitchen: Arlene G., Marge P.,  
& Nancy C.  
Tickets: Pat M., Jane B.

Hostesses for March Unit Meeting:  
Unit Members as we are hosting Essay  
contest winners and their parents



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Flower: Daffodil  
Birthstone: Aquamarine  
American Red Cross Month  
Women's History Month

# March 2014



1  
Coffee  
Donuts &  
Conversation  
8:30 am

2

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4  
Bingo 6:30 pm  
Doors Open  
4:30 pm  
*Mardi Gras*

5  
Business  
Meeting  
7:30 pm  
*Ash Wednesday*

6

7

8  
CDC  
8:30 am  
Legion Riders  
10 am

9  
  
*Daylight Savings*

10  
Auxiliary  
Meeting  
7:00 pm

11  
Bingo 6:30 pm  
Doors Open  
4:30 pm

12  
County  
Meeting  
Wood Dale  
Post 1205

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15  
Coffee  
Donuts &  
Conversation  
8:30 am

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*St. Patrick's Day*

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Bingo 6:30 pm  
Doors Open  
4:30 pm

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CDC  
8:30 am  
New Member  
Initiation  
5 pm

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Bingo 6:30 pm  
Doors Open  
4:30 pm

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Board of  
Directors  
Meeting  
7:30 pm

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Coffee  
Donuts &  
Conversation  
8:30 am

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### ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975  
WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955  
• GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA  
DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities